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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.:      10/734,562  
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Inventor(s):          Kenneth J. MICHLITSCH et al.  
Title:                  APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR FORMING AND  
                              SECURING GASTROINTESTINAL TISSUE FOLDS  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 30, 2010, in the above-identified United States Patent Application. Filed herewith is a petition and fee for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to February 28, 2011. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Also filed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper